


1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Garrett County</b> TOWN <b>Friendsville</b> VICINITY STREET NO. <b>Friendsville</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <b>Store</b> PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE <b>Vacant</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Frame</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>2</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>G - H - A - 25</b>  2. NAME <b>Friendsville Store</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>1897</b> STYLE ARCHITECT <b>Unknown</b> BUILDER <b>Member of the Friend Family</b> 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</span>  <p>The General Store at Friendsville is noteworthy for the decorative "stitch Gothic" ornamentation on the two-story porch and the characteristic late nineteenth-century architecture of this frame building.</p> <p>The two-story building, sided with weatherboard and roofed with slate, was erected by a member of the Friend family, successful in the lumbering business and founder of Friendsville.</p> <p>The interior of the building has a temporary partition erected just inside the front door when the U. S. Post Office was operated here from 1930 - 1963, after the store failed. The original store pictures remain in the building.</p> <p>Operated in its heyday as an emporium and general store, the principle store area opened off a balcony, encircled by a balustrade of turned spindles and a rail. From the back of the store a broad staircase rose to the balcony, the area for the counters and shelves of merchandise.</p> <p>In a long narrow storeroom on the second floor, hundreds of hat forms were found still on the stock shelves. Over-stocked, no doubt, by some enthusiastic wholesale drummer, the 1904 era hats still await some lady to carry them home.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    Interior    Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)  		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  <b>Garrett County Historical Society Survey</b>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <b>Orlando Ridout IV</b> <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>  DATE OF RECORD <b>March 1968</b>	

a pretty hard sight.' When life came extinct the body was taken down and conveyed to the old Court House where the physicians made some experiments with it afterwards was dissected, and Joe Shumate, an eccentric man, and regarded as very wicked, secured a portion of the dead man's skin and tanned it, the leather proving soft and pliable."

### Union Room Report

The editor, in company with Mr. Caleb Winslow, representing Garrett County on the Maryland Union Committee, attended the annual meeting of the committee in Baltimore recently. This committee has been set up to supervise the establishment of a Maryland Union Room in the New Annex of the Maryland Historical Society Building in Baltimore.

For many years there has been an existence in the Society's headquarters building, a Maryland Confederate Room, and the Union Room is to be set up after long Confederate representation only, to emphasize the fact that after all, Maryland was a Union State throughout the Civil War, and not a Confederate State as the uninformed might be led to believe.

The Union Room committee is desirous of securing suitable memorabilia of the Union Army for display in the room when construction is completed. Interested persons are invited to correspond with the committee's secretary, Mr. George T. Ness, Jr., 11 East Lexington Street, Baltimore 2, Md.

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## Some Notes on

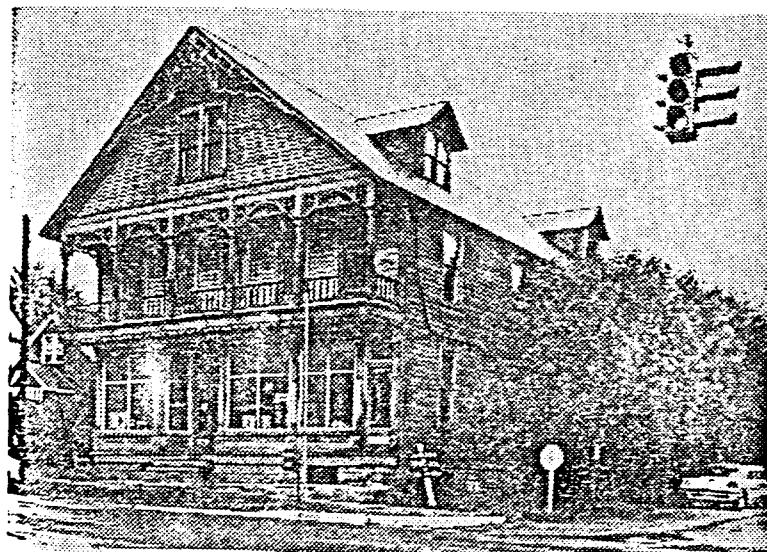
## The Founding of Friendsville

By Evelyn Guard Olsen

Many of you doubtless know about the letter written by Hiram Forsythe telling of the first white man's coming to Friendsville. Mr. Forsythe was a great grandson of Old John, the first settler, and a grandson of Gabriel, the village patriarch. The letter was written to my grandfather, William H. H.

Friend, in 1904, and is in the possession of Mary Elizabeth Buckingham, Uncle Dick's daughter, who lives near Baltimore. The writer, Hiram Forsythe, lived in a log cabin where McCullough's garage was built later. When he wrote the letter he was living in Ohio.

Hiram Forsythe stated in his letter that his grandfather Gabriel



THE LESLIE FRIEND STORE OF FRIENDSVILLE, MD.—Built in 1897 by Fred Fox, George Kolb and Salathiel Savage. The Friendsville Bicentennial Association is considering the possibility of converting this place into a museum. Picture by Caleb Winslow, Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland. Courtesy of Tableland Trails.

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STORE BUILDING IN FRIENDSVILLE

LOCATION:

In Town of Friendsville.

DATE BUILT:

1897.

PURPOSE FOR WHICH BUILT:

Retail store business.

USE THROUGH THE YEARS:

Occupied as store until 1930.  
Post office 1930 to 1963.

COMMENTS:

It was a spacious store for a small town. The center of the store was two stories high and there was a balcony as the second floor. There is also a third floor which was used as a lodge hall.

HISTORICAL VALUE:

A fine example of 19th century architecture.

PRESENT CONDITION:

Fair.  
Original store fixtures are there. Family of builder has the architectural plans and original pictures taken about the time the store was built.

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